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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Addendum

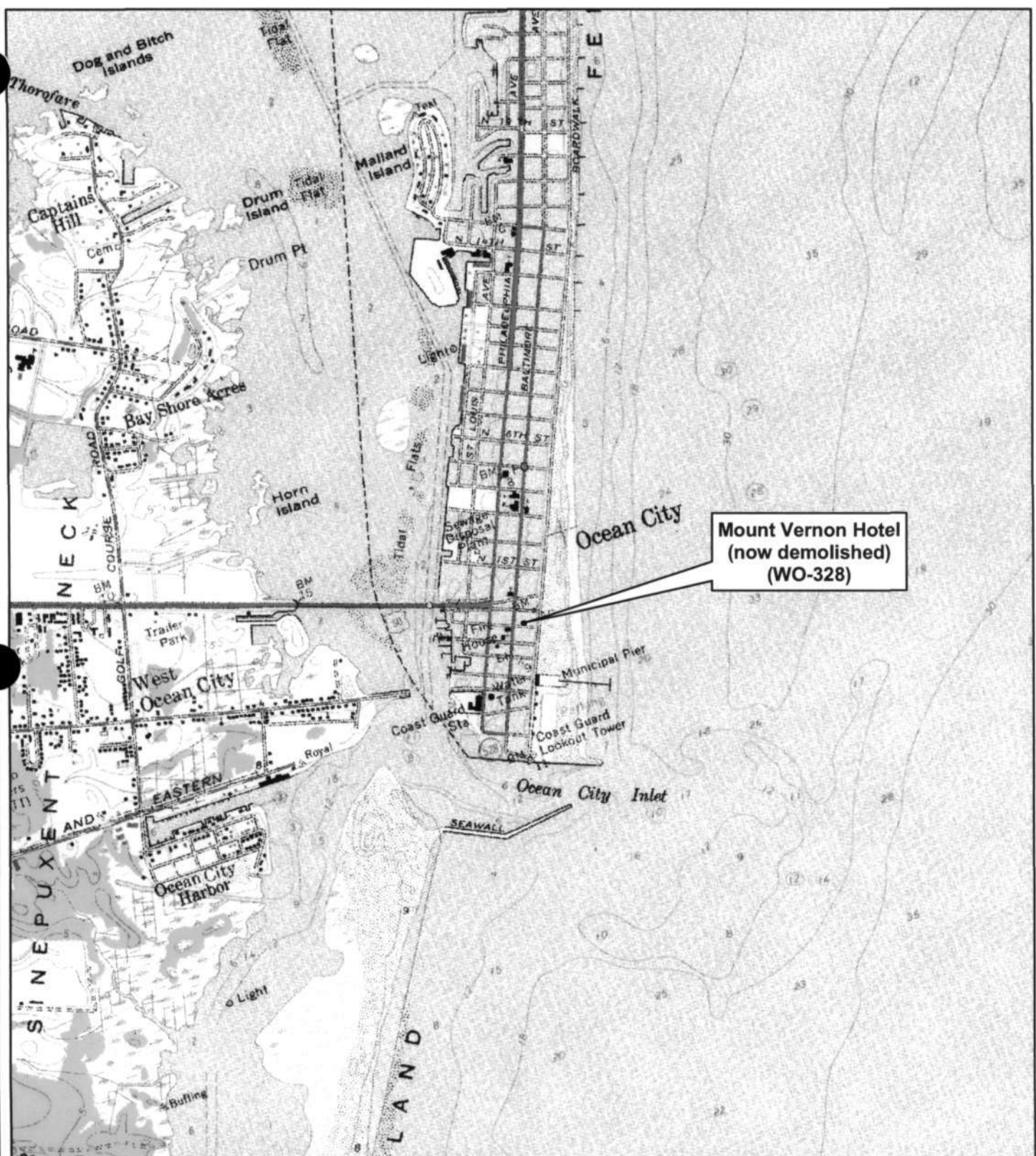
MIHP Number: WO-328

Property Name: Mount Vernon Hotel
Property Address: Talbot Street, Ocean City, Maryland 21842

According to a site visit conducted by Sandra Scaffidi of KCI Technologies, Inc., the Mount Vernon Hotel was demolished as of September 22, 2005. A modern building and parking lot occupy the former location of the hotel at the north side of Talbot Street, between Baltimore Avenue and the Boardwalk.

This building was previously documented on April 1, 1990 by Paul B. Tourart, Architectural Historian, and is listed on an MIHP form WO-328. This resource is not included in the documentation for the Ocean City Survey District (WO-412) for which this structure was to be resurveyed.

Information provided by Sandra Scaffidi, KCI Technologies, Inc. October 10, 2005.



**Mount Vernon Hotel
(now demolished)
(WO-328)**

0 1,000 2,000
Feet



**Mount Vernon Hotel
(now demolished)**
Bridge No. 2300700
US 50 over Sinepuxent Bay
Worcester County, MD

Source: Ocean City, MD
USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
(1964)

WO-328
Mount Vernon Hotel
Ocean City
Private

c. 1895

The Mount Vernon hotel is one of the oldest hotel structures standing in Ocean City. Built around 1895 the two-and-a-half story framed building is distinguished by a wood shingled mansard roof. This building along the hotel annex next door form interesting companion structures since the annex is covered with a mansard roof as well. Both buildings were erected for Lemuel Showell, one of the early promoters of the Atlantic coast resort. The Mount Vernon Hotel is designated on the 1897 Sanborn Insurance map of Ocean City under the name, "Isle of Wight."

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-328

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MOUNT VERNON HOTEL ALSO "ISLE OF WIGHT HOTEL"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Talbot Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town Ocean City ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Katheryn Bunting

street & number Dorchester Street telephone no.:

city, town Ocean City state and zip code MD 21842

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mount Vernon Hotel, also known in past times as the the Isle of Wight Hotel, stands on the north side of Talbot Street between Baltimore Avenue and the Boardwalk in Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame hotel building, now a restaurant, faces south.

Built around 1895, the two-and-a-half story asbestos shingled frame structure rests on a minimal masonry foundation, and the structure is topped by a wood-shingled mansard roof. Attached to the back of the front block is a two-and-a-half story rear ell that is also covered by a mansard roof.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by frosted glass sidelights and transom. Sheltering the first floor is a chamfered post porch with simple corner brackets. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows. Piercing the mansard roof are three gable roofed dormers with two-over-two sash windows.

The east and west ends of the front block are similar with paired two-over-two sash windows on each floor and a single two-over-two sash dormer marking the mansard roof.

The rear two-and-a-half story wing is detailed in a similar fashion with two-over-two sash windows and gabled dormers lighting the third floor. A two-story shed roofed porch supported on chamfered posts shelters the east side, and it survives with a sawn baluster handrail.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mount Vernon Hotel is one of the oldest hotel structures left standing in Ocean City. Built around 1895 the two-and-a-half story frame building is distinguished by a wood shingled mansard roof. This building along with the hotel annex next door form interesting companion structures since the annex is covered with a mansard roof as well. Both structures were erected for Lemuel Showell and they appear on the 1897 Sanborn Insurance map of Ocean City under the name, "Isle of Wight."

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. W0-328

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting					Northing			

B

Zone	Easting					Northing			

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Worcester County date 4/1/90

street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 301-632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state MD 21863

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Mount Vernon Hotel

MHT Inventory Number: NO-328

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE
COMMUNAL

- 2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
(1870-1930)

- 4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. GUEST HOUSE AND RESTAURANT

North Ocean City

le of Wight

The Thorofair

Dog and Bitch Islands

Captains'

Bay Shore Acres

Horn Island

West
Ocean City

Ocean City

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MOUNT VERNON HOTEL
Ocean City, Maryland Quadrangle
1964

Ocean City
Harbor